

“For Cleaner Lakes and Rivers”

GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
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The regular meeting of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority will be held at 8:15 A.M. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday August 16, 2023

8:15 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM

2. Roll Call:

Chairperson Christine Burns	Village of Spring Lake
Vice-Chair Ashley Latsch	City of Grand Haven
Treasurer Craig Bessinger	City of Ferrysburg
Patrick Staskiewicz	Ottawa County Road Commission
Bill Cargo	Grand Haven Township
Gordon Gallagher	Spring Lake Township
Steve Namenye	Member at Large

Not Present:

Joel Tepastte	Village of Spring Lake
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Also Present:

Ryan Vredevelt	WWTP Superintendent
Alando Chappell	Grand Haven Township

3. Approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2023 Sewer Authority Board meeting

Motion by Gallagher to approve the minutes, second by Staskiewicz and motion carries

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Financial Report

Superintendent Vredevelt provides update on current financials

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vredevelde provides update on plant operations for the month of July, including the 7 days in which the facility was over the ammonia concentration discharge limit of 26 mg/l. Those resulted in 7 permit violations. Facility is not designed for ammonia removal, but plant staff tried to utilize available capacity to promote detention times that would help reduce ammonia – efforts proved successful with a minor reduction in ammonia but not significant enough to keep lower than the permit limit.

7. General Business.

A. IPP Reimbursement Funds – added agenda item

Motion by Namenye to have reimbursement funds received (\$13,500) from the former ASP Plating Co. placed into the operation budget. Cargo seconds the motion and the motion carries

B. Sewer Authority Property Map

Superintendent Vredevelde discusses the provided map that illustrates what he and member Staskiewicz were able to find through plant paperwork and deed searches. Member Gallagher remembers different Sewer Authority property boundaries and believes a title company should be hired to help correctly outline the property that belongs to the Sewer Authority. Motion by Bill Cargo to hire a title company to perform a clean title search and plot on a map for future documentation. Motion is supported by Gallagher and motion carries.

C. NPDES Permit Limits

Superintendent Vredevelde updates the board on what efforts have been made to comply with NPDES permit limits and the historical apprehension that has surrounded the restriction of ammonia limits posed to the facility over the years. Vredevelde informs the members that plant staff has been discussing treatment optimizations with Prein & Newhof and that a future pilot study may be conducted to see if ammonia removal can be achieved with current footprints of treatment process and what changes in methods of treatment would be needed. The board will be informed as the process progresses.

D. Annual Evaluation of Plant Superintendent

The Sewer Authority's Executive Committee met with the WWTP Superintendent to evaluate last year's performance

Chairperson Burns discusses the evaluation done by the executive committee and provides a memo for a recommendation of an increase to salary effective 8/16/2023. Discussion about how some changes could be made in evaluating the Superintendent's performance for future evaluations. Board member Cargo expresses his comfort with Superintendent Vredevelde and states that results are one of the biggest indicators of performance. Member Gallagher express concern that the compensation may not be enough based on a variety of factors and

believes that the Executive Committee should take a closer look. Motion by Gallagher to approve the recommendation of salary increase per the August 15, 2023 memo provided by Burns and instructs the Executive Committee to look at further compensation enhancements. Motion is supported by Staskiewicz and motion carries.

8. Board Member Comments.

No board member comments

9. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: November 15, 2023

10. Adjournment at 8:58 AM

Sewer Authority Members:

Christine Burns, Chairperson
Ashley Latsch, Vice - Chairperson
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer
Steve Namenye
Gordon Gallagher
Patrick Staskiewicz
Bill Cargo
Joel Tepastte

Alternate Members:

Wally Delamater
Derek Gajdos
Matt Schindlbeck

Joe Wallace
Alando Chappell

Consultants:

Matt VanHoef

Others:

Grand Haven Tribune
Catherine McNally
Maria Boersma

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